

The Hampden-Sydney Tiger

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GOODBYE, FIRST DAY COMPLETE

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Recently, it was announced that Hampden-Sydney would be moving away from its partnership with Barnes & Noble. The major reason cited by the college to be the cause was a difficulty in maintaining merchandise. In the wake of this the school has already started to take steps to once again go it alone and run the bookstore in-house.

The Hampden-Sydney and Barnes & Noble partnership was conceived during the pandemic in 2021. Before this partnership, the college had difficulty staffing the bookstore and global supply chain problems had begun to affect it as well. Barnes & Noble, being the major corporation that it is, was seen as a viable solution to both the staffing prob-

lems and the supply shortages. Hampden-Sydney would reach out to the Barnes & Noble College, an affiliate organization to Barnes & Noble, and begin discussing a possible partnership. Shortly after, a contract was quickly hammered out and the partnership would begin in the Fall of 2021.

The start of the partnership would see some promise as new staff and merchandise flowed into the store. The problems would start shortly after, as Barnes & Noble would start a merger between two of its subsidiaries. The merger would be between the two affiliate organizations that are under the Barnes & Noble umbrella with one being the already mentioned Barnes & Noble

College and the other being Barnes & Noble. Both would start to merge in the fall of 2022 as well. As product was snapped up by visiting Alumni and Parents the managers of the Hampden-Sydney store would only receive bare minimum attention from their corporate contacts. Merchandise that both students, parents, and alumni

wanted began to run out and supply shipments were few and far between. While the physical store was having a supply problem the online website was not faring much better. The corporate merger had affected the websites' ability to run properly and was a general let-down to the wider student audience. Despite the best ef-

orts of the Barnes & Noble employees at the HSC Bookstore to mitigate problems and elicit a response from the corporate division of Barnes & Nobles, the corporate division remained oblivious to the needs of the bookstore.

With the college, community, and even those who are employed at the bookstore having been let down by partnership, Hampden-Sydney decided to cut ties and once again strike out on their own. While the past three and a half years have seen only a modicum of success and major problems the college is hoping to use this as a learning experience to better the bookstore experience in the future. Mr. Copeland, the VP for business affairs and finance at

HSC, has stated that he hopes to build back the good faith that the bookstore had by taking it back under the college's management. Among his revisions to the bookstore, he states that extra emphasis will be placed on the wants of Alumni who are a major source of revenue for the college in terms of merchandise sales. He also states his intentions to utilize the website more to place specialty product orders by person instead of resale.

Despite the problems that the bookstore has faced in the past few years, Mr. Copeland's new plans have the potential to turn things around. By emphasizing alumni wants and renovating the website, he hopes to start on the path towards rebuilding the image of the bookstore in the eyes of the Hampden-Sydney community.



Barnes & Noble Headquarters in New York, NY

ROBERT KENNEDY'S VISIT TO H-SC

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On Tuesday, Hampden-Sydney College hosted the 3rd Ronald L. Heine-man Lecture, which delved into the history of the American South with a particular focus on Robert Kennedy's visit to Hampden-Sydney. The event featured two main components: a panel discussion involving individuals who had connections to Prince Edward County during that era, and a lecture delivered by Patricia A. Sullivan. Generously sponsored by the Department of History, The Office of Culture and Inclusion, and The 250th Anniversary Planning Committee, the evening aimed to provide insights into this significant historical moment.

The panel



discussion commenced with three speakers deeply entrenched in Prince Edward County's history, including representatives from Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney College, and a lifelong resident of the county. Notably, attendees expressed the profound emotional impact of Kennedy's visit, though many struggled to recall specific details of his address.

In contrast, the subsequent lecture explored Robert Kennedy's pro-

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DAVID BROOKS TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

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The countdown to Commencement for the Class of 2024 is officially on! With under eighty days until the Class of 2024 departs the Hill for the final time as undergraduate students, preparations for the culminating weekend are well underway. Headlining the weekend as the College's Commencement speaker will be *New York Times* Columnist, David Brooks. Hampden-Sydney College will join a long list of elite level institutions which Brooks has attended to offer some words of wisdom before students embark on the next adventures in their lives. Boston College, the University of Michigan, Wake Forest University, and Dartmouth College, among others, have

enjoyed Brooks' motivational charges in years past. Leaders on campus are excited for the perspective that Brooks will be able to bring to our students and faculty. Many believe his perspective on character development fits in seamlessly with the College's mission. President Stimpert relayed that "in his many books, magazine articles, and *New York Times* columns, David Brooks writes persuasively and eloquently about the essential importance of character and civic virtue to the success of our society and Republic. As we rapidly approach the 250th anniversary of Hampden-Sydney's founding and our commitment 'to form good men and good citizens,' David Brooks will offer our community an inspiring and

challenging message about the importance of our College's mission and civic virtue that should resonate powerfully with our graduates and all other members of the Hampden-Sydney College community."

Brooks' prior columns and books have appeared numerous times on front pages and best-seller lists. Among his most notable works, *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, *The Road to Character*, and *The Second Mountain: How People Move from the Prison of Self to the Joy of Commitment*, have been leaned on heavily by scholars, business executives, athletes, and individuals from all walks of life on their respective life journeys. Our newly

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FRATERNITY FACE-OFF
AND THE GRATEFUL FED

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The Grateful Fed and Friday Beers recently put on the Fraternity Face-off event to help push the Grateful Fed into the spotlight on campus. The Grateful Fed does a variety of activities which include running a meal delivery service for college students and the running of a food truck. Friday Beers is an Instagram account based on campus that documents the wild happenings of Friday nights at Hampden-Sydney. The Fraternity Face-off is a collaborative effort between the two and features a \$400

value Tailgate pack for the Fraternity who had the most brothers eat at the Grateful Feds food truck, The Sugar Magnolia.

The Grateful Fed is not simply a catering company, rather it has a storied past that continues to push the burgeoning catering company forward thanks to its fearless leader, Tammy Nelson. Mrs. Nelson is a local of Farmville and a 5th generation restaurant owner in her family. Long before the creation of the Grateful Fed she worked with her mother at the Hitchin' Post, a restaurant which once occupied the now old Fishing Pig location. Mrs. Nelson would then find her way to the Weyanoke Hotel as the



Tammy Nelson in Front of her Truck, The Sugar Magnolia

manager of the two restaurants that preceded what is now the Taproot Tavern and Catbird Rooftop Terrace. While she was incredibly passionate about running the restaurants, she eventually left to pursue a job in insurance when

the Grateful Fed has since purchased a Food Truck, aptly named the Sugar Magnolia in another reference to the Grateful Dead's tour bus. They have also been continuing to seek out ways to work with the local colleges which included collaborations like the Fraternity Face-off, mom meals, and utilizing the Sugar Magnolia for college games. The mom meals, a meal delivery service offered, were inspired and pay tribute to Mrs. Nelsons Mother and her time working with Hampden-Sydney in the past.

The Grateful Fed, even through its continued growth, strives to provide the highest quality ingredients from local farmers. Mrs. Nelson, being raised a local farmer herself, believes in the necessity of sourcing local farmers to provide sustainable ingredients. Not only does she help to promote the small farmers to a broad-

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“We’re not doing this to make a dollar, but to make a difference.”
- Mrs. Tammy Nelson

she met her Husband. Mrs. Nelson worked in Insurance Investigation for 15 years, but even though the pay was good she despised the work and wished to get back to her roots, which would lead to the creation of the Grateful Fed.

Taking inspiration from the popular band, the Grateful Dead, Mrs. Nelson began Grateful Fed shortly after the pandemic. Initially beginning as a small-time catering service for events the Grateful Fed continued to grow until the Purchase of their first physical location in 2022. Since the purchase of the store,

ROCK SOLID ETHICS
AT THE
STONE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

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Tuesday, February 20, 5:00 PM. Portraits line the walls of the Chairman's Room in the upper floor of Pannill Commons and it was here that Hampden-Sydney men, aspiring leaders all, met to learn about one of the most difficult challenges facing anyone seeking to lead and lead well: ethics. Omicron Delta Kappa, a Greek organization devoted to the leaders of tomorrow, invited organization Vice President Dr. Tim Reed to host a hour and a half long seminar titled “The Stone Leadership Challenge” discussing ethical principles and the moral challenges leaders may face. Sue Carter, one of the faculty advisors for ODK, stated that this seminar was devoted to the organizations “leadership project”. It was “simple to organize” and she had around “20 sign ups”. Marc Moroz was there because he thought the event “sounded interesting.” Evan



Participants Debate at ODK's Stone Leadership Challenge

Old, more verbose, said he believed “ethics and leadership are two principles essential to the Hampden-Sydney experience.”

The seminar kicked off with introductions around 25 Hampden-Sydney men from all four classes shared their name and major, along with the faculty advisors Sue Carter, Dr. Michael Wolyniak, and special guest Tommy Shomo. Introductions complete Dr. Reed kicked off his presentation with a video concerning a topic familiar to anyone who has taken an introduction to philosophy class: the trolley problem. Dr. Reed

was here to teach about “concepts of ethics and leadership” and the trolley problem served as a microcosm in which many ethical principles could be applied and evaluated.

Dr. Reed had us shuffle into groups at the various tables around the room, forming pods of 5-6 students and a faculty member. From there we were told to read and evaluate a ethical dilemma drawn from real life experiences (members of the Hampden-Sydney Ethics Bowl team who were present said they felt “right at home”). After a few minutes of reading, the groups began to discuss

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KENNEDY, CONT'D

gationist figures like Senator Harry Byrd and Representative Howard Worth Smith, Kennedy's commitment to civil rights was evident.

The lecture also shed light on the Kennedys' significant contributions to advancing desegregation efforts and improving African American voting rights. Despite the challenging landscape—where only a small percentage of African American children attended desegregated schools in the South and in Virginia specifically—the Kennedys remained dedicated to effecting change. Their support played a crucial role in the establishment of the Prince Edward Free Schools in 1963, four years after the closure of schools in Prince Edward County.

Robert Kennedy's visit to Hampden-Sydney College in 1964 holds particular significance in the history of Prince Edward County. During his

visit, Kennedy made a poignant stop at the four freedom schools, engaging with the children and expressing his what was his brother's ongoing concern for their well-being. Subsequently, he was warmly received at Longwood College, where he delivered an impromptu speech to a group of enthusiastic students. Arriving at Hampden-Sydney, Kennedy eschewed his notes and spent a significant amount of time answering questions from the students, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

In conclusion, the 3rd Ronald L. Heineman Lecture at Hampden-Sydney College provided a rich exploration of the history of the American South, with a special emphasis on Robert Kennedy's impactful visit. Through a thought-provoking panel discussion and an illuminating lecture, attendees gained valuable insights into the complexities of civil

rights struggles and the enduring legacy of individuals like Kennedy who championed social justice.

The event underscored the importance of historical reflection in understanding the challenges and triumphs of the past, while also highlighting the ongoing relevance of these issues in contemporary society. Kennedy's visit to Hampden-Sydney College served as a poignant reminder of the power of leadership and empathy in effecting positive change, leaving a lasting impression on all who participated. As we continue to navigate the complexities of our collective history, may events like the Ronald L. Heineman Lecture serve as catalysts for dialogue, reflection, and action towards a more just and equitable future.

SLOW START TO THE SEASON
FOR TIGER BASEBALL

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On February 21st, the Hampden-Sydney Tigers played their third game of the season against the N.C. Wesleyan Bishops. The Tigers started their season with two close losses to Marymount, and unfortunately, they were once again unable to secure their first win of the season. Though the Tigers fought hard in their latest matchup, they fell to N.C. Wesleyan 7-12. This latest loss means that the Tigers are now 0-3 for the sea-

son. Even in their less-than-optimal performance, there is still hope for the Tigers on the horizon. The Tigers have an impressive roster this year, and once they shake off these losses, they will be ready to go!

A few notable Tigers from the game against the Bishops include Christian Lancaster with two hits, two RBIs, and two runs in only two at-bats; Matthew Arnold with two hits, two runs, and the only triple in the whole game; and Alex Fitzhugh with a critical three strikeouts to close out the last two in-

nings of the game. The Tigers have a busy schedule this year and are set to play 34 more games before the season ends. As the season progresses, head coach Jeff Kinne and his team will surely loosen up and give their opponents a run for their money. Stay tuned for upcoming games, and make sure to show out and support your fellow Tigers as Tiger Baseball tries to advance to the ODAC Tournament! As always, ROLL TIGERS!!

LIFE

HEART ON FIRE!
CHILI COOKOFF AT H-SC

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On Monday, February 26, 2024, a Chili Cookoff was held in the South Dining Hall in Pannill Commons. Nine teams competed, each with their own style of chili, ranging in flavors from spicy to sweet. Many people from all over campus signed up, including students, faculty, and family. The event was a huge success, bringing in students to not only try some amazing food, but to learn more about the importance of learning the signs of domestic violence and what bad and toxic relationships look like in relation to good relationships. Contestants, with the ability to order ingredients from Meriweather Godsey, prepped their meals ahead of time. I spoke to Tucker Poole '27 about his process when cooking his chili. He said that his recipe was created through a combination of different recipes that various family members have given him, though it was his first time making it. He noted that chili is a very individualized area of cooking, where “every-

one has their own recipe.” When asked what his inspiration was for entering the competition, he said that it was his love of cooking and prior restaurant experience that gave him the drive to enter. This event attracted people with a love of cooking, letting their creative passions fly as they made some truly spectacular dishes. The core of this event was raising awareness for the One Love charity during the month of February and on their “That’s Not Love” campaign. One Love is a charity focused on ending domestic violence and unhealthy relationships and was started after the tragic death of Yeardeley Love, a student at UVA, by the hands of her then boyfriend in 2010. The foundation, founded by her mother and sister, aims to bring awareness to what types of relationships are healthy and to signs of unhealthy relationships. Adrienne Traylor, HSC’s Title Nine Coordinator, set this event up as a “fun way for students to gain awareness of these types of situations”. This event was a success over-

all. Within the first thirty minutes of the competition, many contestants had run out of chili to serve. The competition was fierce, with a wide array of chilies put on display, from bold and spicy flavors from table five to a surprising Thai coconut flavor from table three. They were all delicious, with inspired flavors varied from cook to cook. Eventually, the judges made their decision, with Zeke Traylor taking first place. When asked who he wanted to thank, he thanked his daughter, Charleigh. Voting on the student-favorite commenced the next day. Overall, this event was a huge success in terms of turnout and awareness raising for an incredibly good cause. Not only did students get to eat excellent chili, but they were made aware of signs of toxic relationships and domestic abuse. This event once again proves that when a fun, unifying campus event is done in tandem with creating awareness for a cause, the effect increases. The student body was left full and better off knowing important facts about relationships.

MR. BURNS:
A POST-ELECTRIC PLAY
COMES TO H-SC

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The Hampden-Sydney theatre department’s spring play, *Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play* by Anne Washburn, held its opening night on Thursday February 22nd, 2024. The play, directed by theatre professor Matthew Dubroff, held five performances during its run. The three-act show focuses on society at different points after an apocalypse. Act 1 focuses on a small group of survivors 7 months after the apocalypse as they sit around a campfire and pass the time by trying to remember *The Simpsons* season 5 episode “Cape Feare.” Taking place 7 years later, Act 2 picks up with the same group who have now become a traveling theatre group which puts on different *Simpsons* episodes. Finally, the third act picks up 75 years after the second, with the performances having evolved into a Greek theatre amalgamation of *The Simpsons* and the events of the apocalypse 80 years earlier. Just like most other Hampden-Sydney pro-



Wax Figurines of the Simpsons Family in Malabide, Ireland

ductions, the cast is made up of actors from all over the community. From students, professors, faculty, actors from the Farmville area, and the new Dean of Faculty, Dr. Timothy Diette. Professor Dubroff, the cast, and the crew have been working hard on the play since early December and have rehearsed 5 days a week since returning from break. Rehearsals have included learning choreography, finding music to put lyrics to, creating masks out of tape and plastic bags, and memorizing dialogue which was taken from an improv session. What sets this play apart from past Hampden-Sydney production is the lack of light and sound cues used throughout the play.

The show only has 19 light cues and 10 sound cues, which is a fraction of *Lombardi*’s 60+ light cues and 25 sound cues. This choice allows the production to feel more accurate to the story, where electricity is not available, and the technical aspects of the trope’s performances had to be manually done. The cast made most of their own sounds, including background music, bangs, and even branches snapping. Overall, the production truly and accurately represents the hard work, time, and effort the cast and crew put into the show. Every hour put into rehearsal is visible during the play’s run time, as is each member of the cast and crew’s pride in the show that is being put on.

HARRIGAN AND DAVIES TAKE H-SC ON THE AIR!

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On Sunday, February 18, Hampden-Sydney was graced with the presence of two auspicious individuals, Dr. James Harrigan and Dr. Antony Davies. Dr. Harrigan used his expertise in economics and political science as Dean of the American University at Iraq-Sulaimani and as a weekly columnist at the Wall Street Journal, U.S. News and Business Reports, and Forbes according to his personal website. Dr. Davies had previously put his economics degree to good use during the dot.com bubble, serving as the CFO of Parabon Computation and helping several large firms develop and patent software according to his Wikipedia article. Currently, they are the podcaster

duo of Words and Numbers, an insanely popular and explicitly non-partisan podcast dealing with current events in America. Sponsored by the Center for Studies in Political Economy (CSPE), they aired an episode of their podcast on campus, which you can hear on the Words and Numbers website, wordsandnumbers.libsyn.com. With the help of our own Associate Professor of Economics Byron “Trey” Carson, I was lucky enough to get an interview with the men behind Words and Numbers just after they finished up viewing several economics classes in Morton Hall. Though the lights were disturbingly dim due to the sudden power outage caused by maintenance from Dominion Energy, the two doctors were extremely ea-

ger to speak with me. They eternally expressed how impressed they were with our College, citing the Honor Code as something that would encourage them to “go to Hampden-Sydney if [they] had to do it again.” What follows is a semi-verbatim transcript of that interview made using field notes. Q1: What are your first impressions of Hampden-Sydney College? D: “I would go to Hampden-Sydney if I had to do it again.” H: “Me too. We both love the Honor Code.” Q2: Tell me a bit more about your podcast. D: “For my part, I focus more on economics in government. Our audience does tend to be male and middle-aged.” H: “We nor-

mally air the show on Wednesdays. I try to provide more of a government and philosophy aspect to the show, along with some economic insight. We recently broke 365 episodes, so we’ve been doing this for about a year now. We’ve never missed an episode, despite both of us being hospitalized at different times.” Q3: What are you most proud of with your podcast? H: “We’re currently at 1.7 million downloads for the podcast. I’m

most proud of our consistency and the fact that we don’t yell about anything. We made that decision early-on; and, if it costs us a market, so be it.” D: “I agree. I’m also proud of our consistency, the longevity of our podcast, and the fact that we’re non-partisan. That doesn’t mean we’re apolitical, but we are non-partisan.” Q4: What motivated you to start your podcast? D: “For us, it was to be a calm,

rational voice and to educate the public in a non-partisan way. Our first twenty episodes were videos, but then we moved to audio-only.” Q5: Dr. Davies, I see you were quite influential during the dot.com bubble, designing software and even patenting it. Do you find many opportunities to bring that previous expertise to your podcast? D: “Yes, but on the back end. I do editing, posting, and more for the

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PEANUT GALLERY

2024 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION:

TRUMP THUMPS HALEY AND FORMER FIRST LADY

HEATING UP THE COLD WAR: PART 2

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The Trump Train is full speed ahead, as the former president won the South Carolina Republican Primary, beating former UN ambassador and republican candidate Nikki Haley on her home turf. Donald Trump has already swept up Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, with a victory at the Michigan Republican Primary inevitable. Nikki Haley vowed to fight on saturday, knowing full well the steep slope she needs to climb to win the Republican nomination: “I said earlier this week that no matter what happens in South Carolina, I would continue to run... I’m a woman of my word. I’m not giving

up this fight when a majority of Americans disapprove of both Donald Trump and Joe Biden.” Specifically, Nikki Haley has criticized Donald Trump over his comments to pull the U.S. out of NATO, and even criticizing Trump’s questioning of the whereabouts of her husband on the campaign trail; however, South Carolina Republicans seem to agree with Trump’s lukewarm feelings about NATO and the country’s continued support in Ukraine. Despite raising large amounts of money, and a scheduled cross-country campaign, it’s only unclear how Haley can stop the Trump Train dead in its tracks. On the other side of tracks, the Democrats’ concerns over Biden’s mental health and

age have led to the support of an unlikely candidate to be the new face of the Democratic Party: Former First Lady Michelle Obama. According to a Russeum Reports Poll, Almost half of Democrats want to replace Joe Biden, but the survey revealed little agreement on who should replace Joe Biden if he does not seek reelection. However, Michelle Obama led the group with 20% of Democrats supporting her as the next presidential candidate over Kamala Harris, Hillary Clinton, and Gavin Newsom. Although the former first lady has been a potent advocate for other fellow Democrats, she has denied any interest in running for the presidency. It’s unclear whether Obama will throw her hat

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TIGER TALES

THE DEVIL YOU KNOW: PART TWO

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By nightfall, Fritz knew he was in for another near-sleepless night. And this time, it wasn’t just because of the mysterious voice. The research team had split into groups to analyze different aspects of the new development, and now they had reconvened to share their findings—or rather, their lack thereof. “... we did come to a few preliminary conclusions,” Stefan was saying to the assembled scientists. “For one thing, we can reasonably discount the possibility of this just being graffiti. The designs weren’t carved or chiseled out, and our chem-

ical analysis of the stone hasn’t revealed any traces of paint.” The meeting dissolved into a series of frenzied murmurings for a few moments, before one of the seniormost team members spoke up. “Well, if this isn’t someone’s art project, then what is it? Are we supposed to believe that these things just randomly popped up overnight? Do you know how ridiculous that sounds?” he asked. “We aren’t expecting anyone to believe anything,” Stefan replied. “But if you want me to say it, then yes. By all appearances, these symbols just ... burned themselves into the side of that volcano. It’s like, I don’t know, a tattoo or something.”

“A tattoo,” the other man muttered. He snorted derisively. “Right.” The conversation carried on, but everyone was just saying the ex-



act same thing. No one knew what they were looking at, and they were just wasting valuable time rehashing the obvious. I know what is happening, came a voice, and it didn’t take Fritz long to re-

WYATT THORNTON '26
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In the last edition of the Tiger I talked about some of the lesser known conflicts of the Cold War. Mentioned were the conflicts in Nicaragua, Angola, and Afghanistan. This week I will continue with this topic and discuss two more lesser known Cold War conflicts. Again, I will be using the article “Eight ‘Hot Wars’ During the Cold War” from World101 as a source, but for the information related to Greece I used information from Encyclopedia Britannica. For further information about the sources, feel free to email me at thorn-tonw26@hsc.edu. Greece In 1944, toward the end of the Second World War, the German army withdrew from Greece which it had occupied since 1941. During that time the Germans had been resisted by both the communist National Liberation Front–National Popular Liberation Army (EAM-ELAS) and the Greek Democratic National Army (EDES). In the early months of 1944, a provisional government had been established by the Greek communists. The implication of doing so was that the Greek king was no longer recognized. When the Germans withdrew the British arranged

for the two groups to work together under a coalition government. However, this fell through shortly thereafter as the communists would not disband their guerilla forces. A civil war between the two sides thus broke out in December of 1944, a whole five months before World War 2 would end in Europe. This initial war was suppressed by the British, and the communist forces accepted defeat in February of 1945. An election was scheduled for March 1946, and when the time came around the communists abstained from election, thus ensuring a royalist government’s assumption of power. A later vote ensured the return of the Greek king. It was also in 1946 that conflict reemerged, with the communists waging guerilla war. At this point the United States stepped in to assist the Greek army in fighting the communists, who were located mainly in the interior mountains of Greece. The war would last until 1949, when the end of open conflict was broadcast by the Greek communists. In total, nearly 50,000 Greeks died over the course of the conflict. Democratic Republic of the Congo After having achieved independence in 1960 from Belgium, a coalition government was

formed by two political parties. One party was headed by Patrice Lumumba, who served as prime minister of the country, and the other by Joseph Kasavubu, who served as president. The two worked together for a time, but then the rich Katanga province seceded from the country, prompting Belgian intervention. The intervention of the Belgians stoked fears of re-colonization, and prompted Lumumba to ask for UN Peacekeepers to enter the country. These troops turned out to be inadequate though, and so Lumumba turned to the Soviet Union for aid. This move then brought the conflict into the Cold War, as the United States now began to provide aid and military advisors to Kasavubu and his side in opposition to Lumumba, who was backed by the Soviets. Then, in 1961, the infamous commander of the Congolese army Joseph Desire Mobutu took over control of the country and had Lumumba executed. Reign of the Congo would shift between Mobutu, now backed by the US, and what was left of Lumumba’s faction, which still received Soviet support. Mobutu would gain control of the country by 1965, from which he would rule as dictator until 1997, when he died.

replied in his mind. Go ahead. The time is near, Fritz. But there is much still to be done, said the voice. What are you talking about? Fritz asked incredulously. Just tell me what these symbols mean already! Yes, but would you rather be told—the voice paused dramatically for several seconds—or would you rather be shown? Fritz’s patience was wearing thin. Stop! Just stop! he thought. Don’t lead me on. Don’t twist my words. Just give. Me. What. I need. The voice didn’t reply immediately, and Fritz began to think he might have driven it away. But then it was back, and it seemed

to have taken his exhortation to heart. Very well, it said. But not here. As long as he got answers, Fritz didn’t care where he was when he heard them. Okay, he conceded. Lead on. No sooner had Fritz finished his thought than he found himself rising to his feet. All eyes in the room turned to him, but he just mumbled some vague excuse about needing fresh air. Once he was out of the door, his legs moved him along until he reached his own personal quarters. Once he was inside, his arm moved of its own volition to pull down a small leatherbound volume from the top of his bookshelf. When Fritz

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STONE CHALLENGE, CONT'D

among themselves the implications and ethical considerations involved in their cases. About 20 minutes were devoted to discussion among the various groups, and a spokesperson for each group was chosen. Groups shared their thoughts and conclusions for their respective dilemma's, after which questions and discussion were had.

T o p i c s brought into the limelight included: conflict, leadership, ethics (obviously), virtue, morality, duty, obligation, bias, and the consequences of ethical action. One of the most important consideration for each group was the consequences of their decision for their scenario. A particularly interesting segment of debate concerned the weighing of friendship vs. doing the right thing. The

discussion, though complex, was civil and informative.

As the event closed, Dr. Reed encouraged us to view ethics not as a thing "set in stone", but as a topic of lively debate and filled with scholarship. Earlier in the evening he had spoken briefly on the ethics of self-driving cars, and used this topic as an example of a case where ethics are actively being debated and evaluated; anyone in Dr. Dale's AI Ethics class would have to agree with this statement. If you find yourself struggling with any ethical dilemmas in the near future, and regret missing this seminar, fear not because OAK plans to have seminars like these again in the future. Until then, avoid runaway trolleys if you can and keep your eyes peeled for more emails from OAK.

H-SC vs. MBU, CONT'D

Pfeiffer at home with momentum on their side. This commanding win brings the Tigers to 2-3 on the season with the opportunity to make their record

3-3 against Pfeiffer before they set off on their spring break trip to Orlando to face competition from across the United States.

2024 ELECTION, CONT'D

in the ring anytime soon, but one thing is for certain. If democrats want a fight-

ing chance against Donald Trump, it certainly won't be "Sleepy Joe."

TIGER TALES, CONT'D

saw the cover, he couldn't resist letting out a gasp of surprise. The book was his own, but it wasn't just another scientific text. He kept it around mostly for sentimental value: it was his childhood

compendium of myths and fables. There, the voice told him, and Fritz thought he could detect a hint of smugness in its tone. Now are you ready to listen?

GRATEFUL FED, CONT'D

er audience through the Grateful Fed, but she also seeks to promote a cleaner way to live which includes using zero waste strategies and compostable products. In addition to her continued support for local farmers and the environment she and her staff practice Reiki. Reiki is a spiritual practice which imbues every meal made with positive energy to not only make the world a greener place, but a happier one as well.

The Grateful Fed continues to work with Hampden-Sydney and Longwood to provide quality meals to the students

through the mom meals and their food truck. Mrs. Nelson has plans to continue the Grateful Feds expansion such as creating meal preparation boxes and aspires to one day start a sit-down restaurant in Farmville. The Fraternity Face-off is likely only the beginning of collaborative events put on with the Grateful Fed. The Grateful Fed, to conclude, is not simply a faceless corporate catering service, but one that has a heart and a mission and perhaps Mrs. Nelson has summed that up best: "We're doing this not to make a dollar, but to make a difference."

DAVID BROOKS, CONT'D

appointed Dean of the Faculty, Tim Diette, shared with me how some of Brooks' works will connect with members here on campus. He offered, "I am delighted to have David Brooks coming to Hampden-Sydney as our Commencement speaker. He has had a distinguished career of modeling the behavior of a good citizen with his active engagement in public debates through multiple forms of media. His recent books have themes that resonate closely with our mission to form good men and good citizens. His 2019 book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*, pushes the reader to reflect on how they will be successful not only in a material or status sense, but in finding a path that leads to a moral life. Similarly, his 2015 book, *The Road to Character*,

directly relates to our mission. David Brooks has a consistent track record of posing challenging questions and providing penetrating insights. I am looking forward to hearing what he has to share with the Hampden-Sydney College community this spring!"

Surely, the selection of David Brooks as Commencement speaker seems to come at the perfect moment in the history of the College. With the 250th anniversary looming on the horizon, the College is doubling down on its commitment to its founding mission. For nearly two and half centuries, Hampden-Sydney has remained an enduring sanctuary of intellectual learning and character development, unwavering in its desire "to form good men and good citizens."

POINTERS, CONT'D

course, especially with exams and projects demanding your attention. However, the mental clarity and boost in focus that come from these activities make them a wise investment. Just a short period spent engaging in physical activity outdoors can rejuvenate your mind, making you more productive when you return to your desk. It's about quality, not just quantity, when it comes to study time.

Campus Gems. The Wilson Trail offers 3 miles of hiking and biking paths through lush forests, ideal for those seeking a tranquil escape or an invigorating workout. Anglers can take advantage of three bass-fishing

lakes on campus. For thrill-seekers, the High Adventure Course behind Kirby Field House features a vertical climbing wall, ropes obstacles, and a zip line over Tadpole Hole, challenging both body and mind. Disc golf enthusiasts can navigate the intricate 18-hole Tadpole Holes course, weaving through woods and around the lakes. Equipment for various activities is free to rent from the Office of Student Affairs.

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HARRIGAN AND DAVIES, CONT'D

podcast. Normally, we try to bring on experts and engage them on their topics. We end up learning a tremendous amount, too."

Q6: Dr. Harrigan, I see that you are a Senior Research Fellow at AIER [The American Institute for Economic Research]. Could you tell me a bit more about your work with that organization and how that work might translate into your podcast?

H: "Generally, they're one and the same. Whatever I'm interested in [with AIER], I can research, and it finds its way into the podcast sooner or later. Currently, I'm working on a book about pop culture. I'm always pushing

for more [engagement with] pop culture in the podcast."

D: "I'd also like to add that we moderated the South Carolina Libertarian debate awhile back. We were very kind, but we held them to a standard."

Q7: Do you have any parting advice for the men of Hampden-Sydney?

D: "I'd like to come back to Hampden-Sydney. This place impresses me to no end, and [what you get here] is valuable for you and your future employer."

H: "Ignore everyone who tells you to 'follow your dreams.' You have to fit in; and, sometimes, that means following someone else's dreams. Good luck, and God bless."



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